

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/926,425

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the 08-03-2004 Amendment.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 5 and 9.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 11 December 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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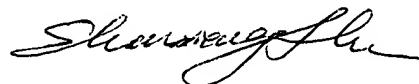
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 20041124.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____



SHOUXIANG HU
PRIMARY EXAMINER

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Sam Huang (RN: 48,430) on November 17, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously Presented) The semiconductor device of claim 9, wherein said emitter electrode connected to said emitter region and said base electrode connected to said base contact section are formed in respective comb structures in which teeth of said emitter electrode and said base electrode are engaged with each other in an alternate manner.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)

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8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A semiconductor device with a bipolar transistor comprising:

a first conductivity type semiconductor layer serving as a collector region;

a base region constituted of a second conductivity type region provided in said first conductivity type semiconductor layer;

an emitter region constituted of a first conductivity type region provided in said base region; and

a base contact section spaced apart from said emitter region in said base region, electrically connected to a base electrode,

wherein said emitter region comprises a plurality of stripe regions and each of said stripe regions is formed so that a plurality of portions of said base region are exposed at the central portion of each of said stripe regions, each of said plurality of portions of said base region is surrounded by a corresponding one of said plurality of stripe regions of said emitter region, and an emitter electrode is formed so as to be connected to said plurality of stripe regions and to cover the exposed portions of said base region via an insulating film,

wherein said base contact section is constructed of a repeating structure in a plan view, in which a high impurity concentration region of the second conductivity type and a region of the first conductivity type are arranged in an alternate manner.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

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12. (Cancelled)

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5 and 9 are allowed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shouxiang Hu whose telephone number is 571-272-1654. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday, 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eddie C. Lee can be reached on 571-272-1732. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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November 24, 2004


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